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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TIA WALKER, as Mother and Natural Guardian of MAHOGANY GREEN,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.,
GEORGE BERTERO, M.D., LOUIS ROSE,
M.D., OUR LADY OF MERCY MEDICAL
CENTER, SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER,
DAWN DAWSON, M.D., and BHAGWANT
GILL, M.D.,

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants Soundview Health Center ("Soundview") and Dr.

Dawn Dawson ("Dawson"), by their attorney, Michael J. Garcia,

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York,

hereby remove the above-captioned action to the United States

District Court for the Southern District of New York. The

grounds for removal are as follows:

1. Soundview and Dawson are named as defendants in an action filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York,
County of Bronx, Index No. 16771/05. A copy of the complaint is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 2. Plaintiffs allege that Soundview and Dawson, among others, were negligent in their failure to diagnose plaintiff Mahogany Green's ("Green") medical condition and their medical treatment of Green. As a result, plaintiffs allege that Green endured unnecessary pain and suffering. See Complaint at ¶¶ 57-62. The complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages. Id. at ¶ 62.
- 3. Pursuant to the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Federally Supported Health Centers Assistance Act of 1995, 42 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., Soundview and its employees such as Dawson, were deemed on February 1, 1997 to be employees of the United States Government for purposes of civil actions seeking damages for personal injury resulting from the performance of medical, surgical, dental or related functions. See 42 U.S.C. § 233(a), (g) and (h).
- 4. The Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 1402(b), 2401(b) and 2671-2680, provides the exclusive remedy with respect to plaintiffs' claims against Soundview and Dawson. See 42 U.S.C. § 233(a).
- 5. This action may be removed to this Court pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 233(c) and 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(2) because: (i) trial has not yet been had of this action; and (ii) this is a civil action brought against, <u>inter alia</u>, an employee of the United States Government. A copy of the Certification of Michael J.

Garcia, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, dated April 26, 2007, certifying that Soundview and Dawson were acting within the scope of their Federal employment at all times referenced in the complaint, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

6. The submission of this notice of removal is solely for the special purpose of removing this action to the appropriate federal court and is not a general appearance by any defendant. This Office makes a limited appearance on behalf of Soundview and Dawson solely for the purpose of removal of this action. This submission does not constitute a waiver of any defense available to any defendant, including any defense under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: New York, New York
May 3, 2007

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# Exhibit A

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiffs designates

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Plaintiff, ; as the Place of Trial

- against - : The basis of venue is : Phintiff's residence

THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C., GEORGE BERTERO, M.D., LOUIS ROSE, M.D., OUR LADY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER, SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., and BHAGWANT GILL, M.D.,

SUMMONS

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your finding to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: New York, New York June 9, 2005

Defendants' Addresses:

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

TIA WALKER, as Mother and Natural Guardian of MAROGANY GREEN.

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Plaintiff.

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C., GEORGE HERTERO, M.D., LOUIS ROSE, M.D., OUR LADY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER, SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., and BHAGWANT GILL, M.D.,

Defendants.

SIRS:

Plaintiff, by her attorneys, GERSOWITZ LIBO & KOREK, P.C., alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

## AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- That at all times herebrafter mentioned, Plaintiff TIA WALKER is the mother and I. natural guardism of MAHOGANY GRHEN.
- That at all time hereinsfter mentioned, Plaintiffs reside at 2791 Dewey Avenue, 2. Apartment 2A, Bronx, New York 10465.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, 3. P.C., was and still is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.

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- 4. That at all times bereinafter mentioned, Defendant TEROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C. was and still is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- 5. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant THROGS NECK MULTI CARE,

  P.C., was and still is a partnership, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State

  of New York.
- 6. That at all times hereinafter mantioned, Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARE,
  P.C., was located at 3058 East Tremont Avenue, Bronk, New York.
- 7. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant, GRORGE BERTERO, M.D., was and still is a physician duly licensed to practice medicine within the State of New York.
- 8. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from October 28, 1998 and continuing through March 29, 2002, Defendant GEORGE BERTERO, M.D., was a physician practicing medicine at Defendant THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.,
- 9. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from October 28, 1998 and continuing through March 29, 2002. Defendant, GEORGE BERTERO, M.D., was a partner in the medical practice known as "THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.".
- 10. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from October 28, 1998 and continuing through March 29, 2002, Defendant GBORGE BERTERO, M.D., was employed by Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.,
- 11. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from October 28, 1998 and continuing through March 29, 2002, Defendant GEORGE BERTHRO, M.D., was practicing medicine at the Defendant THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C., with the knowledge and consent of Defendant, THROGS

NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.

- 12: That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendent LOUIS ROSE, M.D., was and still is a physician duly licensed to practice medicine within the State of New York.
- 13. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, between November 2, 1998 and continuing through April 2, 2002, Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., was a physician practicing medicine at Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.
- 14. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from November 2, 1998 and continuing through April 2, 2002, Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., was a partner in the medical practice known as "THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.".
- 15. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from November 2, 1998 and continuing through April 2, 2002, Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., was employed by Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C..
- 16. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from November 2, 1998 and continuing through April 2, 2002, Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., was practicing medicine at the Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C., with the knowledge and consent of Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C.,
- 17. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from November 2, 1998 and continuing through April 2, 2002, Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., was practicing medicine at 3058 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York.
- 18. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant OUR LADY OF MERCY
  MEDICAL CENTER was and still is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of

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the laws of the State of New York.

- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant OUR LADY OF MERCY MEDICAL CENTER was and still is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- That at all times havinafter mentioned, Defendant OUR LADY OF MERCY 20. MEDICAL CENTER was located at 600 East 233rd Street, Bronx, New York 10466.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER 21. was and still is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER 22. was and still is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER. 23. was located at 731 White Plains Road, Bronz, New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., was 24. and still is a physician duly licensed to practice medicine within the State of New York.
- That at all times heroinafter mentioned, Dafundant, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., was a 25. physicism licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from February 4, 1999 and continuing through 26. April 1, 1999, Defendant, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., was a physician practicing medicine at Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER.

- 27. That at all times hareinafter mentioned, from February 4, 1999 and continuing through April 1, 1999, Defendent, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., was employed by Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from February 4, 1999 and continuing through 28. April 1, 1999, Defendant, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., was a principal in the medical practice known as "Soundview Health Center".
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from February 4, 1999 and continuing through 29. April 1, 1999, Defendent, DAWN DAWSON, M.D., was practicing medicine at the Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER with the knowledge and consent of Defendant, SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER.
- That at all times hereinafter montioned, Defendant, BHAGWANT GILL, M.D., was 30. and still is a physician duly licensed to practice medicine within the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, from March 31, 1999 and continuing through 31. May 26, 1999, Defendent, BHAGWANT GILL, M.D., was a physicism practicing medicine at 1695 Pastchester Road, Bronx, New York.
- That on or about October 28, 1998 and continuing through Merch 29, 2002, 32. Defendant, THROGS NECK MULTI CARR, P.C., its respective agents, servants, employees, contractors, physicisms, nurses, interns and other health care professionals, negligently, recklessly and carelessly invited persons of inferior qualifications, presumably physicians who hold degrees of Doctor of Medicine and are entitled to practice medicine in the State of New York, to act for, medically treat, advise and operate upon those requiring treatment.

- 33. That at all times hereinafter mentioned and on or about October 28, 1998 and continuing through March 29, 2002, Plaintiff MAHOGANY GREEN, had a come under the care of the physicians, nurses, and other health care providers at Defandant THROGS NECK MULTI CARE. P.C.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, received 34. medical care at the aforementioned facility owned, operated, managed, maintained or controlled by Defendant THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C..
- That from October 28, 1998 and continuing through March 29, 2002, Defendant, 35. THROGS NECK MULTI CARE, P.C., its agents, servants and/or employees, including doctors, nurses, interns and/or health care providers, misdiagnosed Plaintiff's condition.
- That at all times mentioned, Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER at the 36. facility described above was and still is a place of public accommodation for the treatment, service and care of persons medically ill.
- Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER at the aforementioned facility, held 37. itself out as duly qualified and capable of rendering adequate surgical and medical care and treatment to the public and for such purposes hired doctors, nurses, residents, attendants, and other medical personnal.
- Defordant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER at the aforementioned facility, hold its 38. agenta, servants and employees out to the general public, and more particularly to Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, as possessing the proper degree of learning and skill to render good and accepted treatment to patients.

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- 39. That at all times hereinafter mentioned and on or about February 4, 1999 and continuing through March 31, 1999, 2000, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, had a come under the care of the physicians at Defendant SOUNDVIEW HEALTH CENTER.
- 40. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff, MATIOGANY GREEN, received medical care from the Defendant LONG ISLAND IEWISH MEDICAL CENTER its agents, servents, employees, physicians, nurses, interns and/or other health care providers, at the aforementioned facility from at least least least 1997 and commining through Landaugue 1999, inclusive of the landaugue 1999.
- 41. That at all times mentioned, Defendant LONG ISLAND JEWISH MEDICAL
  CENTER, at the facility described above was and still is a place of public accommodation for the
  treatment, service and care of persons medically ill.
- 42. Defendant LONG ISLAND JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER, at the aforementioned facility, held itself out as duly qualified and capable of rendering adequate surgical and medical care and treatment to the public and for such purposes hired doctors, nurses, residents, attendants, and other medical personnel.
- 43. Defendant LONG ISLAND JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER, at the aforementioned facility, hold its agents, servants and employees out to the general public, and more particularly to Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, as possessing the proper degree of learning and skill to render good and accepted treatment to patients.
- 44. Defendant, GEORGE BERTERO, M.D., held himself out as duly qualified and capable of rendering adequate medical care and treatment to the public, and more particularly to Plaintiff,

### MAHOGANY GREEN,

- 45. That from on or about October 28, 1998 up to and continuing through March 28, 2002, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, came under the medical care and treatment of the Defendant GEORGE BERTERO, M.D.
- 46. That on October 28, 1998 up to and continuing through Merch 28, 2002, Defendant, GEORGE BERTERO, M.D., missingnosed Plaintiff's condition.
- 47. Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., held himself out as duly qualified and capable of rendering adequate medical care and treatment to the public, and more particularly to Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN.
- 48. That from on or about November 2, 1998 up to and continuing through April 2, 2002, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, came under the medical care and treatment of the Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D.
- 49. That from on or about November 2, 1998 up to and continuing through April 2, 2002, Defendant, LOUIS ROSE, M.D., misdiagnosed Plaintiff's condition.
- 50. Defendant DAWN DAWSON, M.D., held herself out as duly qualified and capable of rendering adequate medical care and treatment to the public, and more particularly to Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN.
- 51. That from on or about February 4, 1999 up to and continuing through March 31, 1999, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, came under the medical case and treatment of the Defendant DAWN DAWSON, M.D.

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- 52. That from on or about February 4, 1999 up to and continuing through March 31, 1999.

  Defendant DAWN DAWSON, M.D., missinguaged Plaintiff's condition.
- 53. Defendant BHAGWANT GILL, M.D., held himself out as duly qualified and capable of rendering adequate medical care and treatment to the public, and more particularly to Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN.
- 54. That from on or about April 23, 1999 up to and continuing through May 26, 1999, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, came under the medical care and treatment of the Defendant BHAGWANT GILL, M.D.
- 55. That from on or about April 23, 1999 up to and continuing through May 26, 1999.

  Defendant BHAGWANT GILL, M.D. missingnosed Plaintiffs condition.
- 56. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendants, their agents, servants and/or employees, including doctors, muses, interns and/or health care providers, misdiagnosed Plaintiff's condition.
- 57. That on the aforementioned dates, the Defendants, by their agents, servants, contractees, employees, physicians, nurses, interns and/or other health care providers were negligent, expeless and/or unabilited in that they failed and neglected to properly evaluate conditions manifested by Plaintiff; failed and neglected to properly perform required medical and surgical procedures upon Plaintiff; failed to properly diagnose interstitial disease; failed to perform urinalysis; failed to properly interpret a urinalysis; failed to diagnose Plaintiff's renal disease; failed to determine the cause of the Plaintiff's infactions; failed to treat plaintiff's kidney disorder; failed to order a blood cultura; failed to take heed of the

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patient's medical history; failed to take head of plaintiff's ago; failed to properly interpret test and laba; failed to order diagnostic tests; failed to come to a differential diagnosis; falled to diagnose the condition which Plaintiff was suffering improperly prescribed medications; failed to prescribe appropriate medications; failed to timely treat the medical conditions from which plaintiff was suffering; failed to timely recognize and diagnose the medical conditions from which plaintiff was suffering; failed to refer plaintiff to proper and competent medical personnel and specialists; mismanaged the care, diagnosis and treatment of plaintiff; failed to take tests which would have revealed the true condition(s) with which plaintiff presented; failed to timely and truly diagnose and/or timely treat the true conditions and malady from which plaintiff was suffering; failed to perform and/or to timely perform a CT scan and/or other appropriate diagnostic tests which tests would have revealed the true medical condition of plaintiff and which timely and proper diagnosis would have allowed proper medical intervention and prevented plaintiffs injuries; failed to properly and/or timely read the CT scan films; failed to take and/or to read and/or read properly X-ray film(s); failed and neglected to take heed of the Plaintiff's complaints; failed and neglected to exercise that degree of ours, caution, prudence, skill, ability, professional knowledge and training generally possessed by physicisms, surgeons and hospitals and was otherwise negligent and unskillful

- 58. That on the aforementioned dates, Defendants failed to properly and timely diagnose Plaintiff's medical condition.
- 59. That solely by reason of the negligence, carelessness, recklessness, misfessance, malfessance and malpractice of the Defandants, as aforesaid, Plaintiff, MAHOGANY GREEN, was caused to endure unnecessary pain and suffering, was caused to become blind in her right eye, was

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caused to endure mental suffering, conscious pain and suffering, was caused to undergo further medical procedures and will continue to undergo further medical treatment, and was incapacitated from attending to her usual duties, functions and avocations. In addition, the plaintiff has been confined to and home as a result thereof and has been caused to expend certain sums of money for medicines and medical attention.

- 60. That the aforessid was occasioned wholly and solely by the carelessness, recklessness, needlessness, needlessn
  - 61. The limitations on liability set forth in CPLR 1600 et seq do not apply.
- 62. As a result of the foregoing, the amount of damages sustained by Plaintiff herein exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants on the First Cause of
Action in an amount which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise
have jurisdiction in this matter together with interest, costs and disbursements of this action.

Detod: New York, New York
June 9, 2005

Yours, etc.,

GERSOWITZ LIBO & KOREK, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Michael A. Frahling 111 Broadway, 12th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 385-4410 STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

MICHAEL A, FRUHLING, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is an attorney associated with the attorneys for the

Plaintiff herain.

That he has read the foregoing COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof. That the same is true to his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Deponent further says that the source of his information and the grounds of his belief as to all the matters berein not stated upon his knowledge are: Correspondence had with the said Plaintiff(s) and reports of investigation caused to be made by the Plaintiff(s) which are now in deponent's possession and other pertinent data relating thereto.

Deponent further says that the reason why this verification is made by deponent and not by the said Plaintiff(s) is that the said Plaintiff(s) do not reside in the County of New York, the County wherein deponent has his office.

MICHAEL A. PRUFLING

Sworn to before me this

Notary Public

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# Exhibit B

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CERTIFICATION

I, Michael J. Garcia, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 233 and 28 U.S.C. § 2679, and by virtue of the authority vested in me under 28 C.F.R. § 15.4, hereby certify, on the basis of the complaint filed in this action, the information now available and with respect to the incident referred to therein, that defendants Dawn Dawson, M.D., an employee of the Soundview Health Center ("Soundview"), and Soundview were acting within the scope of their employment as employees of the United States of

America at the time of the incidents alleged in plaintiffs' complaint.

Dated: New York, New York

April 16, 2007

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Heather K. McShain, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, hereby certify that on May 3, 2007, I caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal and Notification of Removal to be served, by Federal Express, on the following:

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May 3, 2007

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